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SUBJ: SWISS CHEESE QUOTA - COUNTRY TRANSFER

1. AMBASSADOR KLAUS JACOBI, FEDERAL DELEGATE FOR TRADE AGREEMENTS, HAS REQUESTED MEETING WITH DCM MORNING OF AUG 4 TO DISCUSS USDA DESIRE TO TRANSFER PART OF SWISS CHEESE QUOTE UNUSED SO FAR THIS YEAR TO OTHER COUNTRIES. (NB: BERN AGATT CURRENTLY ON HOME LEAVE.) OUR UNDERSTANDING OF ISSUE IS THAT SWISS BELIEVE THEY WILL YET BE ABLE TO FILL THEIR 1977 CHEESE QUOTS, WHILE USDA VIEW IS THAT INCREASED PRICES OF "PRICEBREAK" CHEESES MAKE IT VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR SWISS TO SUPPLY WITHIN QUOTAS. SWISS ARE SIAD TO BE PRIMARILY CONCERNED ABOUT QUOTE FOR EMMENTHALER CHEESE, THOUGH GRUYERE-PROCESS AND "OTHER CHEESES" QUOTAS APPARENTLY AFFECTED AS WELL.

2. EMBASSY NOTES JUN 1977 CABLE EXCHANGES BETWEEN USDA AND AGATT (FASTO 40 AND 43; TOFAS 69 AND 74) ON THIS SUBJECT. HOWEVER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING LATES INFO ON STATUS OF THIS ISSUE WITH USDA TO BE ABLE TO DISCUSS IT WITH JACOBI.

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3. ALTHOUGH IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT ANY NEW DIFFICULTY HAS ARISEN FOR SWISS CHEESE IN CONNECTION WITH TREASURY'S WAIVER OF COUNTERVAILING DUTY ACTION, WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE RECEIVING LATEST TREASURY VIEW ON THIS ISSUE IN TIME FOR MEETING WITH JACOBI.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE INFO REQUESTED ON

SWISS CHEESE QUOTAS AND COUNTERVAILING DUTY ACTION BY COB

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